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From the Ladies' Companion.

What be on Hundred Pillage.

"What be on Hundred Pillage, Mamma? Is it not beautiful? How fair thy vales! Methinks a small fly greater river Jordan! Or like the vale of interwoven boughs peaceful dwellings pleasantly look forth. Is it not so, mamma? I believe I've never spent a more delightful day than the one I've enjoyed amongst the rustics, and I do believe I enjoyed myself the most with the rustic children—they are so free and natural, and so kind to their parents, with their numerous race. Oh, my dearest,

You remember Smith a while since dropt in, Through the dust layer of years. Blessed strangers, old acquaintance, cherished images of good old times, Hospitality, solid primitive sincerity, Honesty, the unsophisticated guest. Simplicity of manners, warmest kindness and joy.

I do remember me in my early years, you had a sweet little daughter, in her bridal loveliness. Would you could spend another hour; quietly soon, all strong and bold, to take a genteel portion, in this teeming world. . . . chance to find, and to meet with a partner—and there the mother of the flock, ... the day of her life, . . . quantity on her couch, to rise no more . . . the sweet beauty of her sweet maternity . . . . . Yet she was. . . . . pedding round her nursery window climbed, ... was calculated to inspire, in its inward . . . with the love of hospitable mendicancy, yet reasonable.

But that ancient race, whose our heart's deep reverence dwelt on long, looks, at such an hour they seem to stand . . . . . with open arms to receive you gladly! Those we call the living. Want we not of ever for these? Is there a single . . . . . the rustling of the leaves, ... new whisper, warning us to seek . . . . . not made with hands? . . . . . So may it be!

—Sweet then brother?
—Brother, say!
—Tears of an ingrediency to be wiped
Mix with my polluted stream
Tell me, those who torment the stars
When shall come those fruitful years?
When shall I see the rustic's hut?
Who shall be the rustic's mate?

Lay of the last America.

Chapter II.

From the moment in which they last first upon the questionable precincts, all participated to have been abandoned. It remained unchanged; and but for the palpitation of bosoms, as in their antechambers, they restrain the agitation of their hearts, with a which almost have imagined that even they, in with the objects around them, had the communion.

many minutes they sat gasping in suspense, but a straggling sound gave the slight- mation of the existence of any living thing nceless. Concluding, at length, that pur- had been relinquished, the youngest, who suggested itself as worthy of inquiry, ly groped his way toward the door, Lilet ured, after removing the obstructions he ed to place there, to reopen it for the of examinations. But, in vain he exert- self to the utmost. In vain he praised ed Lilet, half frantic, upon him. The door could not be forced to defy pectations of egress. They re-seated them- to despair. Here was a new dilemma; for which they were as unprepared as it unexpected. To be the occupants of a dwell- such equivocal reputation, was, certainly, very agreeable reflection; but, to be constant- ciety, it their own selves to the ca- war, as D'Aubin energetically expressed it, Diable!" indeed. Having demonstrated all of abandoning their situation, to be sub-bean, now began to concert measures for security; such repose as the occasion would per- upon scrutinising the lock of Lilet's pocket, which was found secure, with which they produced a light, and proceeded to explore regular tournament. There was room upon the basement floor, similar in construc- to the entrance floor, but not quite so much occupied with old lumber, which present one, was entirely unincumbered with ging of consequence. The latter, was, how- grown received to all her gentler qualities, length caused by her entire colonelcy his head ful anticipations. He cast his eyes hopelessly around him, but, alas! the dreary prospect only supply him with nothing consolatory, or alleviat- ing; while beneath his feet, in addition to his mockery of humanity, the bleaching remnants of mortal existence. He shuddered as he grasp- ed the closing lantern, and threw himself upon the ground in utter desperation of spirit. He heard something crash beneath him as he fell. He turned round to examine, and saw a small reel of paper, lying beside him. He snatched it up eagerly, and springing upon his feet, by the dim light of the vault attempted to explore its contents. "Fly wretched man!" were the words that first struck his vision.

"Fly," continued the paper,—"as you value life,—as you value hope,—as you value heaven, fly from this pernicious place! If you would not witness a scene that will chill the warm blood in its course; if you would not make yourself accessary to the most unutterable guilt; if you would not stare the combined efforts of infernal agents, and mortal beings, in the face, with the most inexplicable horrents; if you would not have your bones whiten amid the unfathomed depths of the earth; nor wander a disconsolate spirit, unconsecrated, and unblessed, for ages and ages of eternity; fly, I conjure you fly!"

The paper dropped from his palsied hand. A sensation of extreme debility overcame him, and he fell, languishing and sickening, upon the damp- ness, and the noxious exhalations of the vault, ran through his frame, accompanied by an intolerable giddiness, which began to overcome his faculties. His heart quivered and fluttered, danced confusedly before him. Delicious was that approaching, when the heavy clanking of chains at a distance, emerged all other feelings, and concentrated them in immediate alarm. His suspense was short. An old man, whom, from his appearance, he conjec- tured to be the late inhabitant of the lot, stood before him. A long white robe encircled his skeleton form; and around his body was appoint- ed, a chain of inordinate dimensions. He un- ken eyes, among whom the terrors of the grave seemed to hold their direful revelry, emitted an unearthly light, frightful to behold; and his gray hair hung, like withering plants around some exalted tree; or stuck spirally out, like serpents twisted around a sepulchre.

"Wretch!" he demanded in a thundering tone, at whose sound the earth quaked beneath him—"Wretch, must thou, too, pry into the secrets of my prison-house?" He espied the paper upon him with a look of the most insatiate ma- lignity.

D'Aubin was unable to reply. It was un- necessary. A piercing shriek for a moment, averted his impending danger, and by its ad- dresses transferred the attention of both toward the lady. In this origin—consternation was pictured upon the face of D'Aubin. Could it be possible! Was it indeed his lovely guide, so tenderly re- turned, and whose solicitude for him had been such an apparent? Consistency thought! and needless of danger, and reckless of consequences, he rushed toward her, with an alacrity that plainly exhibited the nature of his feelings. She seemed not surprised at his precipitancy; and im- mediately flinging toward his enemy some myste- rious preparation, and scattering some incoherent and unintelligible sentences, that with conjoined effect, quickly involved him in a mass of living fire, disappeared through an opening until now unnoticed, beckoning over her to follow.

"Seize him, ye furies!" resounded in deafen- ing tones throughout the cavern, as he attempted to fly, and was accompanied by an explosion, that thunderod confusedly in his ears, as if the whole subterranean apartment had been blown into atoms; and slipping, ere he could reach the opening, he felt himself suddenly lifted up, and in a moment suspended in vacuity.

Then came two wheels echoed in his ears, like in- sults at a distance. He attempted to open his eyes: but sparks of fire, and an excruciatingly painful feeling, attendant upon the effort, rendered it abortive. His throat became, as through anxie- ty with some internal fire; and a drop of water would have been a diadem, in value, at that mo- ment, to his parching existence. Strangulation commenced, and yet by such slow and elaborate advances, that the most diabolical ingenuity must have been exercised to produce a death of such lingering, aggravating, and exquisitely torturing character. A glaring flux began gradually to cover his starting eyeballs with semi-darkness; and all the signs of an approaching cessation of animation, made more prominent, by the ability of reflection, were rapidly increasing, when a grate- ful sensation, like that produced by a soft and cool hand passing across his throat, was followed by a perceptible deliverance from his confinement.

Chapter III.

Gentle reader, were you ever in that state of existence, vulgarly denominated, by the vulgar, demoni- nated, hanging!—(for these remarks may pos- sibly meet the eye of one, who has been thus elevated above the ordinary level of society. If not, you cannot sufficiently appreciate the delect- able condition of our hero, nor fully appreciate the feelings which his liberation must have oc- casioned.

The first demonstrations of returning sensi- bility, were those elicited by his sudden submer- sion in an abyss of water; as though he had been precipitated by fiery agency, and suddenly in air, but to be enshrouded in an element of more condensed material. He was an adept in the art of natation, and, consequently, not dis- mayed at his new condition. The water was rapidly receded before his vigorous application, reviving him in his progress, whilst a dim light that pervaded the scene, animated by prospect like exertion. "Where am I?" was the question naturally inculcated by the strangeness of his situation. He gazed with unsteady eye, upon the black roof above him. It could not be the heavens which he saw, so shrouded in deep, im- penetrable darkness! Had its concavity been superseded by a form as indefinite? Its lenient- ness which he saw, so shrouded in deep, im- certainty that he was then sunk far, infinitely far, beneath the haunts of humanity; and, sur- rounded on all sides, by a food, perhaps, illimi- table in extent, rushed in all its horrible reality upon his mind. Thus, he expatiated upon his condition; combatting the waves, that went moaningly by him, hymning, as it were, his re- quiem, till lost in the distance, they seemed, plain- tive, to vanish from the palpability of sight.

A soft, murmuring sound, like the faint tones of distant music, now greeted his ear. It was approaching,—rising and falling, in its cadence, as though issuing from the bosom of the waters. He soon discovered a light, floating, apparently, in the air, and presently after, the sound of distinguish voices. And then, the following words, sweetly sung, and accompanied by the most delicious music:

Truth, deceit, are not, and is near thee,
Love, and Beauty, chide thy stay;
Wave a barque will lightly bear thee
Where no sorrow, no sighing dare thee—
Haste, O haste, and come away!

While echo, as if delighted with the sound, re- iterated,

Haste, O haste, and come away!

The voices ceased; and the light, which he could before but dimly scrutinise, now appeared to pro- ceed from a small, and lightly built boat, that skimmed along the waters, unimpelled in its pro- gress, by sught that he could perceive as con- nected with it. His feelings seemed to be fully appreciated; for again the song broke forth—

Though thou may'st not now behold us,
Beings not of mortal clay,
Who watch o'er thee, unseen, though cold us
Those to thee, shall soon unfold us—
Haste, O haste, and come away!

As the last words reverberated through the ca- vern, the boat darted toward him. In one mo- ment he was seated within it. The next found the boat moved forward with increased rapidity. Once more he began to hope that release was at hand. The cool and refreshing atmosphere, which he now inhaled, seemed the harbinger of joy; and when he reflected that he should again behold the light of the glorious sky,—the sweet smiles of the sunny earth,—its laughing valleys, and its fruitful hills,—things more incapable of description than its effects, but which fill that ori- ginating, delightful,—O how he could drink, un- satisfied, of their beauty! how would his heart leap within him at the sight of their new-born loveliness!

Time he rode silently on; his spirits exhilerat- ed by hope, and his pulse beating fleverishly with the anticipated joy. He soon arose, and by the marked, with some surprise, that the boat had become stationary; and that instead of water, a dense, black cloud, enveloped him in dark- ness. But, alas! what was his horror, to per- ceive, until, at length, it all disappeared, and left him standing,—not in the boat!—for it, too, with its accompaniments, had vanished,—but, in- stead, in a subterranean cell, illuminated, to such an extraordinary degree, as for some mo- ments, to dazzle, and deprive him of the power of sight.

Recovering from this temporary inability, what a scene of unexampled splendor, met his wonder- ing eyes! a nerve, my pen trembles with con- scious imbecility to describe! Immense columns of precious stones, surmounted by capitals of burnished gold, were here spread about him, so every side, and supported a fretted dome of parvel rous. Every column was in turn supported by pedestals of inestimable value. The walls were composed of the clearest chrystal; and the floor, flashed up a liquid radiance, from its pavement of brilliant gems. Innumerable chandeliers, of equal- ly rich and unusual material, hung suspended by gil- tering chains, whose golden links were intermin- gled with sparkling jewels, of various colors, ramsiculated in wreaths, and festoons, and fin- ished in shapes of every description. These chandeliers, were inserted, strip of soufid wood, and also; ambergris, and perfumed oils, which, consuming, impregnated the atmosphere with a most delicious, and indescribably aromatic- order, and shed a gorgeous intensity of light upon the scene. The opal, the jasper, and the diamond; the topaz, the amethyst, the chrysolite, and the agate; however rare, upon earth, and greeted with surprise, where here squandered in lavish profusion, on articles of the most ordinary nature. The richest carpets, the richest silks, were strewed and bewildered: his amazement increasing, as each additional beauty, attracted his admiring gaze, and forced upon his judgment, by the dar- kening contrast in the contemplation; and he satiated with its excessive magnificence, he turned to investigate its minor conveniences. While thus employed, he discovered a door, opening from the chamber, emulous in its richness, with an ante-chamber. Impelled by curiosity he ap- proached it with cautious footsteps. As if aware of his intention, it suddenly flew open, and he be- played a small apartment, and from its elegance, one well worthy of its contiguity to the former. Immediately before him, and, upon a slightly el- vated throne of ivory, sat a female, who was hidden beneath a precious and splendid specimen of the products of the far-famed Persian loom, stood a sofa beautiful in the extreme; and reclining upon it, in a light, easy, and graceful attitude, was attended on either side, by a row of females, handsomely attired, but whose features were also closely concealed by long and thick veils, ex- tending to their feet. It was not too late for him to retreat; and, possessing, as I admit he did, a considerable quantity of that assurance, which some writers insist to be, the peculiar at- tribute of a gentleman, without compromis- ing my hero's dignity, assert, that he would have retreated, even should an opportunity have presented itself, but for the sudden and lofty grace- fully arose. She beckoned him to approach, and courteously extended her hand, as in token of re- cognition. He obeyed with alacrity the pleasing command, and, falling upon one knee, impressed a fervent testimony of his devotion, upon the lovely hand that was presented to him. Having raised him from his submissive posture, and seat- ed him upon the sofa beside her, she threw aside her veil, and, smilingly chained his acquaintance. He had been astonished before, but his amaze- ment now exceeded all bounds of comprehen- sion. Was it indeed the lady, whom he had left beside him, his preserver, his hope, and his be- loved! It was her then, who had conducted him, at length, through all his difficulties, to these re- gions of exquisite luxury and delight! He was interrupted in his pleasing meditation, by the thrilling voice of his companion.

"Stranger, and why," I have acted, perhaps, imprudently; but,"—and she blushed, as she ac- knowledged it,—"as my heart dictated." Over- whelmed with this unlooked-for happiness, and unable to reply, he gazed upon her, and perus- ed them, with an ardency that well supplied the place of language.

She informed him, that she was not mortal, but that she belonged to the class of beings, denomi- nated the Sylphid. A race composed of the spirits of those, who, upon the extinction of mor- tality, have departed, without the pale of particu- lar guilt qualities, to inhabit the air, and pre- vide, in an invisible manner, for the preservation of mankind. That, in the performance of this, they were liable to be opposed by evil spirits, who employ measures inimical to the Gnomes;—in- telligences of a very different character; and the sole object of whose endeavors is,

"To work the ruin of the earth to man,"

clogging with difficulties, and obstructing with disappointments the pathway of human life. Enamored of her charms, Gnomeo, a potent, and disinherited sinner (an ancient distinction), a rebel, leader, of that sept, had for some time, and in vain, attempted to obtain possession of her per- son. Being equal in power, she had resisted all his incantations; and, by vigilance, eluded, or frustrated, his machinations. In despair, he had recourse to an aged magician, who, by assiduous study, and deep researches, had obtained a most fa- vorable over powerful agents, which Gnomeo himself was incompetent to exercise. After stipulations of mutual character, they, with con- siderable difficulty succeeded in their design; and having vanished, now confined in that subterranean palace, the unfortunate Myra.

When she had concluded, D'Aubin eagerly in- quired, if there was any probability of his immi- diate attendance. Pointing to an amulet, or or- nament, suspended around her neck, she replied, that a gentle rubbing thereon would conjure his immediate appearance; but, that otherwise, he only visited her, once in ten days; and then, only for a short period.

Time flew from present apprehension, he interrogated her respecting the terrific object he had beheld in the vault. "It was the spirit of the Magician?" returned Myra——"whose tem- ples earth, (abbreviated, on this occasion, to its stones,) having expired, now enjoys the privilege of a lingering existence here."

"And he was the inhabitant of the hut?" said D'Aubin.

She replied in the affirmative: and having thus satisfied his numerous inquiries, a rich re- past succeeded, enlivened by music and sym- mary kind, and by the smiles of the lovely Myra.

I need not say how imperceptibly, or how swiftly, the first nine days of his stay had elapsed, in those surfeiting delights, and luxurious revelry, in which with which they both contemplated their approaching separation. Equally vain, would it be for me to attempt to particularise, the enjoy- ments of the succeeding month. It should suffice to say, that, at the expiration of that time, D'Aubin had become perfect in the art of swimming, and, consequently, was now convinced with internal fortitude. He shrunk not from the ordeal, but, with a heart, beating high with hope, and a countenance, beaming with confidence, he plunged into the waters, and, in a moment, was lost to the view of his lovely companion.

Time flew on, and, with it, the months of his absence. Myra, with a heart, beating high with hope, and a countenance, beaming with confidence, awaited his return. Days, weeks, months, and years, passed away, and he returned not

romantic scenery, and to the [illegible] season of the year. It seemed as if [illegible] of enjoyment. I now sense of existence [illegible] in me, and my soul was feelings were lighted [illegible]. Never was youth more [illegible]. Sick, though as yet it was a mere [illegible], and wrested a noble object.

Unfortunately, our neighborhood was particularly deficient in female society, and I languished in vain for some divinity, to whom I might offer up this sacrifice of my heart. Diana was at one time seriously enamored of a lady whom I saw occasionally in my rides, residing at the window of a country-seat; and actually serenaded her with my flute; when, to my confusion, I discovered that she was old enough to be my mother. It was a sad disaster to my romance; especially as my father heard it, and made it the subject of one of those household jokes, which he was apt to serve at every meal time.

I soon recovered from this check, however, and it was only to throw me into a state of amorous excitement. I passed whole days in the fields, and near the brooks; for there is a delicious thing in the tender passion that seems to loosen the heart from all of nature. A soft sunshine morning inflined a sort of rapture into my breast. I flung open my arms, like the Grecian youth in Ovid, as if I could clasp in one embrace all the charms of creation. The song of the birds melted me to tenderness. I would be by the side of some rivulet, for hours, and turn pictures of the flowers in the water, and throw in pebbles, and sigh from the crowd of undefined emotions that swelled my bosom.

In this state of amorous delirium, I was strolling one morning along a beautiful wild brook, which I had discovered in a glen. There was one place where a small water-fall, leaping from rocks into a natural basin, made a scene such as a poet might have chosen as the haunt of some shy Naiad. It was here I usually retired to banquet on my novels. In viewing the place this morning, I trused distinctly, on the margin of the basin, which was of fine clear sand, the prints of a female foot of the most slender and delicate proportions. This was sufficient for an imagination like mine. Robinson Crusoe himself, when he discovered the print of a savage foot on the beach of his lonely island, could not have been more fearfully excited than I was on discovering this.

I endeavored to track the steps, but they only passed for a few paces along the fine sand, and then were lost among the herbage. I remained gazing in reverie upon this mysterious trace of litness. It evidently was not made by any of my sisters, for they knew nothing of this haunt: besides, the foot was smaller than theirs; it was remarkable for its delicacy and beauty.

My eye accidentally caught two or three half withered wild flowers, lying on the ground. The unknown nymph had doubtless dropped them from her bosom: Here was a new document of taste and sentiment. I treasured them up as invaluable relics. The place, too, where I found them, was remarkably picturesque, and the most secluded part of the brook. It was overhung with a fine elm, entwined with grape-vines. Here she would select such a spot, she could delight in wild brooks, and wild flowers, and silent solitudes; must have fancy, and feeling, and tenderness; and with all those qualities, she must be beautiful!

But who could be this Unknown, that had thus passed by, as in a morning dream, leaving merely flowers and fairy footsteps, to tell of her loveliness? There was a mystery in it, that bewildered me. It was so vague and disembodied, like those "airy tongues that syllable men's names" in solitude. Every attempt to solve the mystery was vain. I could hear of no being in the neighborhood to whom this trace could be ascribed. I haunted the spot, and became daily more and more enamored. Newly awakened passion more pure and spiritual, and never loved in more dubious situation. My case could be compared only to that of the fortunate prince, in the fairy tale of Cinderella; but he had a glass slipper on which to lavish his tenderness. I, alas! was in love with a footstep!

The imagination is alternately a chast and a dupe; nay more, it is the most subtle of cheats, for it cheats itself, and becomes the dupe of its own delusions. It conjures up "airy nothings," gives to them a "local habitation and a name," and then bows to their control, as implicitly as they were realities.

Such was now my case. The good Numa could not more thoroughly have persuaded himself that the nymph Egeria hovered about her sacred fountain, and communed with him in spirit, than I had deceived myself into a kind of vision, airy intercourse with the airy phantom fabricated in my brain. I constructed a rustic seat at the foot of a tree where I had discovered the first steps. I made a kind of bower there, where I used to pass my mornings, reading poetry and romances. I carved hearts and darts on the tree, and long it with garlands. My heart was fluid to overflowing, and wanted some faithful bosom into which it might relieve itself. What is a lover without a confidante? I thought at once of my sister Sophy, my early play-mate, the sister of my affections. She was so reasonable, too, and of such correct feelings, always listening to my words as oracular sayings, and admiring me in a critic of poetry, as the very inspirations of the muse. From such a devoted, such a rational being, what secrets could I have?

I accordingly took her, one morning, to my retreat. She looked around with delighted surprise, upon the rustic seat, the bower, the tree carved with emblems of the tender passion. She looked for my cypher in vain, and looking earnestly in her face, "I am in love!"

She started with surprise.

"Sit down," said I, "and I will tell you all."

She seated herself upon the rustic seat, with an arch laugh, "I suppose, Harry 's in love again."

"And if I were in love, Charlotte," said I, somewhat nettled, and recollecting Glencoe's enthusiastic eulogy of the passion, "if I were in love, is that a matter of jest and laughter? Is the tenderest and most lofty sentiment that can animate the human breast, to be made a matter of cold-hearted ridicule?"

My sister colored. "Certainly not, brother: —nor did I mean to make it so, or to say any thing that should wound your feelings. Had I really suspected you had formed some genuine attachment, I should have been the last to smile at my eyes; but—but," said she, smiling, as if at some whimsical recollection, "I thought that you—you might be only indulging in another little freak of the imagination."

"I'll wager any money," cried my father, "he has fallen in love with some old lady at a window!"

"Oh no!" cried my dear sister Sophy, with the most gracious warmth: "she is young and beautiful."

"From what I understand," said Glencoe, resuming herself, "she must be lovely in mind as in person."

"I found my friends were getting me into a fine scrape. I began to perspire at every pore, and felt my ears tingle.

"Well, but," cried my father, "who is she?—what is she? Let us hear something about her."

This was no time to explain so delicate a matter. I caught up my hat, and vanished out of the house.

The moment I was in the open air, and alone, my heart upbraided me. Was this respectful treatment to my father—to such a father, too—who had always regarded me as the pride of his age—the staff of his hopes! It is true, he was apt, sometimes, to laugh at my enthusiastic flights, and did not treat my philosophy with due respect; but when had he ever thwarted a wish of my heart? Was I then to act with reserve toward him in a matter which might affect the whole current of my future life? "I have done wrong," thought I; "but it is not too late to remedy it. I will hasten back, and open my whole heart to my father!"

I returned accordingly, and was just on the point of entering the house, with my heart full of filial piety, and a concise speech upon my lips, when I heard a burst of obstreperous laughter from my father, and a loud tinse from my sister Sophy.

"A fortune!" shouted he, as soon as he could recover himself; "a love with a fortune! Why, this beats the old lady at the window!" Ah! then there was another appalling burst of laughter. Had it been a clap of thunder, it could hardly have astonished me more completely. Sophy, in the simplicity of her heart, had told all, and had made my father's risible propensities in full action.

Never was poor mortal so thoroughly crestfallen as myself. The hole dimension was at an end. I drew off silently from the house, shrinking smaller and smaller at every fresh peal of laughter; and wandering about the family for half an hour, quite quietly to my bed. Scarce any sleep, however, visited my eyes that night! I lay overwhelmed with mortification, and meditating how I might absent the family in the morning. The idea of ridicule was always intolerable to me; but to endure it on a subject by which my feelings had been so much excited, appeared more than flesh and blood. I determined, at one time, to get up before my family, and ride off, I knew not whither.

At length, I came to a resolution. Before going down to breakfast, I sent for Sophy, and employed her as an embassador to treat formally in the matter. I insisted that the subject should never be alluded to, and that my father should show my face at the table. It was readily agreed to; for not one of the family could have given me pain for the world. They finished their breakfast in a hurry, for a word was said of the matter; but there were wry faces, and suppressed titters, that went to my soul; and whenever my father looked me in the face, it was with such a tragi-comical leer—such an attempt to pull down a serious brow upon a whimsical mouth—that I had a thousand times rather he had laughed outright.

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The city of Philadelphia is, and has for many years been, the great mart for periodical work, and literature of all sorts, and so long as the press here, is conducted with the dignity, purity and honesty, which has so long characterised it, it will so remain. There never was a liberal-minded spirit among the editors (with a very few exceptions) worthy of all commendation. There is none of the base, low, vulgar slang, and effective cut-throat veracity to be found in the prints of this city, which constitute the spirit of the leading articles, and the daily food of the readers, of the newspapers in some of our cities. An editor here, need not sink the gentleman in the writer, and forgetting common courtesy toward he fellows, agree to prostitute his intellect to the purposes of calumniating, and disgracing human nature. We rejoice that it is so. There is some pleasure in being associated with a body of men, who are so amenable to the laws of honor and a uniform course of conduct, that they can never so far forget themselves, and the character which they have won, as to stoop to a systematic and conscious violation of them. Every publication, again, firmly believed that I spoke of a being I had seen and known. By their sympathy with my feelings, they in a manner became associated with the Unknown in my mind, and thus linked her with the circle of my intimacy.

In the evening, our family party was assembled in the hall, to enjoy the hilarious hours. Sophy was playing some favorite Scotch airs on the piano, when Glencoe, seated apart, with his forehead resting on his hand, was buried in one of those pensive reveries that made him so interesting to me.

"What a fortunate being I am!" thought I, to-himself at such a moment and to such a place! I am only to find out this amiable Unknown, to wed her, and be happy! What a paradise will be my home, graced with a partner of such exquisite endowments! How I will study to make it sweet and interesting! Every source of domestic bower, buried among sweets and roses: Sophy shall live with us and be the companion of all our enjoyments. Glencoe, too, shall no more be the solitary being that he now appears. He shall have such a home with us. He shall have his study, where, when he pleases, he may shut himself up from the world and bury himself in his own reflections. His retreat shall be sacred; no one shall intrude there; no one but myself, who will visit him now and then, in his seclusion, where he will devise grand schemes together for the improvement of mankind. How delightfully our days will pass, in a round of rational pleasures and elegant employments! Sometimes we will read; sometimes we will render through the flower-gardens, when I will smile with complacency on every flower that I have planted; while, in the long winter evenings, the ladies will sit at their work, and listen, with hushed attention, to Glencoe and myself, as we discuss the abstruse doctrines of metaphysics."

From this delectable reverie I was startled by my father's clapping me on the shoulder: "What the deuce ails you, Harry? You look like a fool!" I was speaking to you half a dozen times, without receiving an answer."

"Pardon me, sir," replied I; "I was so completely lost in thought that I did not hear you."

"Lost in thought!" And pray what were you thinking of? Some of your philosophy, I suppose."

"Upon my word," said my sister Charlotte, with an arch laugh, "I suppose, Harry 's in love again."

"And if I were in love, Charlotte," said I, somewhat nettled, and recollecting Glencoe's enthusiastic eulogy of the passion, "if I were in love, is that a matter of jest and laughter? Is the tenderest and most lofty sentiment that can animate the human breast, to be made a matter of cold-hearted ridicule?"

My sister colored. "Certainly not, brother: —nor did I mean to make it so, or to say any thing that should wound your feelings. Had I really suspected you had formed some genuine attachment, I should have been the last to smile at my eyes; but—but," said she, smiling, as if at some whimsical recollection, "I thought that you—you might be only indulging in another little freak of the imagination."

"I'll wager any money," cried my father, "he has fallen in love with some old lady at a window!"

"Oh no!" cried my dear sister Sophy, with the most gracious warmth: "she is young and beautiful."

"From what I understand," said Glencoe, resuming herself, "she must be lovely in mind as in person."

"I found my friends were getting me into a fine scrape. I began to perspire at every pore, and felt my ears tingle.

"Well, but," cried my father, "who is she?—what is she? Let us hear something about her."

This was no time to explain so delicate a matter. I caught up my hat, and vanished out of the house.

The moment I was in the open air, and alone, my heart upbraided me. Was this respectful treatment to my father—to such a father, too—who had always regarded me as the pride of his age—the staff of his hopes! It is true, he was apt, sometimes, to laugh at my enthusiastic flights, and did not treat my philosophy with due respect; but when had he ever thwarted a wish of my heart? Was I then to act with reserve toward him in a matter which might affect the whole current of my future life? "I have done wrong," thought I; "but it is not too late to remedy it. I will hasten back, and open my whole heart to my father!"

the eyes of the present chest of ship-goers, we really think that somewhat more regard will have to be paid to decency of costume by them. There will have to be less swaggering in the bones, and less swearing in the pit, if parts of the house are to be thus designated, and in fact a total reformation. We fear, however, that this is neither designed, if it stands in the way of making money, nor can it be accomplished by the proprietors of the opera house without enlisting the moral portion of the community with them. This can never be done without a fair and candid explanation of the course intended to be adopted.

Pennsylvania Literary Lyceum.

Dr. Emmons's Lecture, before the Mercantile Library Company, on Friday Evening last, upon the Progress of the Arts and Sciences, is very highly spoken of.

The lecturer traced the progressive increase of knowledge and the improvements in the arts from an early period; the consequence of which increase and improvement was the rapid and constant multiplication of the conveniences and comforts of life; so that the average enjoyment of mankind is not only increased, but the comparative length of life actually extended. The rapidity with which, in our age, those improvements have been accomplished, has kept us in a state of continual wonder; and we are prone to look forward to them as easy room for new discoveries and inventions!

The lecturer contended that we were not only indebted to science for the comforts and luxuries of inanate taste, but from motives of patriotism. The rivalry maintained by nations of the present day renders it important that we should not allow ourselves to be outstripped in the glorious struggle for pecuniary superiority, or suffer ourselves to pay them a tribute, imposed by their superiority in the arts and scientific industry. And he insisted on the fact that other countries, in the application of steam navigation to the ocean, both for commercial and naval purposes, had gained upon us, while we have been perfecting those useful models of steamers and locomotives now carrying on our extensive inland transportation.

The lecturer referred somewhat at length to the encouragement which the arts had at all times and in all countries received from genius, as being endowed with great range, comprehending minute observation, with the love of contemplation, and with the same time the capacity of combining the sublimest achievements in the sciences.

He paid also a compliment to the British nation, for the encouragement given in the arts of productive industry and in the arts of mechanical contrivance.

In conclusion, he urged it as a truth that, for prosperity and security, nations are mainly dependent upon the intellectual capacities and acquirements of their citizens; and that we should, therefore, in the United States, cherish with a generous spirit every effort to foster and encourage the arts and sciences, and to banish the word "impossible," from our vocabulary.

Absalom Institute Lectures.

Dr. J. K. Mitchell's Lecture on Brazil, on Tuesday evening, was one of the most interesting of the course. The Lecturer has been at much pains and expense in preparing his subject, and his fine pictorial representations of the country and its inhabitants. Dr. Mitchell has the faculty of making his lectures useful as well as interesting, and although he occupied the attention of the audience for more than an hour and a half, there were very few who appeared restless. He stated some curious facts in reference to the Brazilians and their climate, and happily illustrated the effect of the latter upon human nature, by contrasting the inhabitants of that country at the present time with the highly favoured ones of our own. He traced upon a large map, then in attempt to write a man down a knave, under, or to injure his reputation, his standing, or his business, by privately insinuating that the one is false and hollow, or the others are unbusinesslike, unprincipled, and not to be relied on for credit or dishonor. But a small degree removed from this, is the ungenuous policy of undermining a regular business which a man has established, and never intended to be redeemed, and which, if there were, would be certain ruin to the fortune of the promiser. This cut-throat system, cannot be too much deprecated. We know that the whole spirit—nor can he assume it, and retain the character —of deluding his readers and the public by promises, which have no reference to truth, or to the means of their fulfillment, is a most ungenerous and unreasonable propensions are set forth, as a prospectus to a work, and by them, hundreds are deluded and induced out of their money, while the man who made them, so far from even intending to redeem them, coolly pockets the proceeds, and laughs at the credulity of the public. Some things ought not to be, and the press of this city should be purged from the iniquity. A paper or a periodical should always be made, that the greatest degree of publicity may be public to expect, if it is not done, we see but one difference between such men and the public robber, that of exemption from punishment.

The practice of assailing the character of an individual by a sham advertisement is of so injurious a tendency, and is so mean in fact that it is only to be mentioned to be universally scorned and denounced. It is neither manly nor honest to skulk from responsibility in this manner, and he who would be guilty of the act, would be the pretender who first complained of the fair opportunity of escape, to strike the dagger to the heart of his enemy. We are proud, however, to say, that the press of Philadelphia is generally exempt from nuisances such as this, and that the universal loathing and detestation of the editorial corps immediately follows the perpetration of such an act. The fact is, that the generous and chivalric spirit among the gentlemen of the press in this city will ever be observed, and that no one who assumes a position among them can long retain their confidence, will be forced to forget what is due to the character and standing of an editor, or be countenanced and upheld for a moment in other than the path.

It has been our policy thus far, to make this paper what we promised at the outset, and if in any particular we have failed, we shall thank any reader for his hint, and we will tell us what we have overlooked. Our course, while we are deemed worthy of association with our brethren of the press, shall ever be governed by the most wanton outrage upon their feelings, or malignant attacks upon their characters and reputation.—When we cease to forget what is due to gentle. men, we shall waive all claims to gentility ourselves.

The Opera House.

It is said that subscriptions to the amount of $100,000 have already been made, and that the committee intend to prosecute the project with vigor. We should like to know of the gentlemen who figure in this enterprise, the precise grounds upon which it is proposed to conduct the establishment, and whether any more regard is to be paid to the cultivation of sound morality and virtuous principles, in the selection of the pieces to be performed than is done at the existing theatres in this city. It is strongly hinted that certain pieces which have received the seal of approbation of the committee, are not of a character out of the closest vein in the world, and it augurs but little for the honesty of purpose of the projectors if they start with the design of eulogizing that which is not in accordance with correct taste, when its further development will show that their purpose was withheld, or at the best perverted. Come, gentlemen, speak out plainly, and let us know what your real designs are. If they are praiseworthy, we see no necessity for mystification. The religious portion of the community cannot be over for a moment countenance, and the moral portion will never with any unanimity sustain, a project so completely veiled in doubt. If it is intended to exclude the abandoned, and the prostitute, as has been hinted, what is the character of the plays to be performed, and who are the leading actors to be? The "genteel tragedies," to be generally portrayed, will require men of a different order from most of the present bangers on about the st—, and as for the actresses and female dancers who delight

CITY NEWS.

He Wanted his Supper.—Thomas Sirles is one of those singular creatures who when he gets exceedingly drunk gets excessively hungry, and when he is hungry he is cross, and nothing encourages the hurricane of his disposition except cramming himself with the good things of this life. Last night he entered Mr. Kerns, an oyster cellar, and told to bill in $000.

They must keep the Peace.—Joseph Baily, who locked like a lump of yellow corn with the measles, was held to bail for obstructing the footway on the wharf and singing.

Lows of Money made a man—he made him out o' clay He stuck him up against a fence to dry all day."

Tenney Wilson and Mary Ann Douglas were with him. They were made of most dirty looking clay—looking similar to a piece of Lehigh coal, affected with the yellow jaundice. All were locked up to keep the peace—and further—they were accustomed to take all—they could lay their hands on.

A Mourner.—Officer Smith, of the county of Philadelphia, had a warrant placed in his hands on Thursday morning, for the arrest of a brutal and unnatural wretch named Lewis Vensel, the proprietor of a factory in Bristol township, charged with committing the most infamous assault upon the person of Flora M. Miller, a child only seven years of age, who was employed in his establishment. We have not words sufficient to express our horror at the deed.

Death in the Hackney.—On Friday afternoon, a young man, whose name we could not ascertain, fell through a hatchway in the Reading railroad depot, at the corner of Broad and Market street, and was killed on the spot. He was immediately taken up and conveyed to the Hospital, where, at the latest accounts, he lay in a critical situation.

Another.—The Coroner held on Saturday morning, an inquest upon the body of Alexander Wescott, a young man, aged 17, who fell through the hatchway of Mr. Lloyd's store store in Market street, from the 4th story to the 1st floor, fracturing his skull and otherwise severely injuring him. He survived but a few minutes after the accident, which, from the evidence before the jury, was caused by his young companion in the store to hoist him with the rope, and their not using sufficient care.

Columbia Railroad.—The locomotives commenced running on the road constructed for the purpose of avoiding the Inclined Plane at the western termination, on the 6th inst.

The following shows the Collections at this end of the road:

	Railway.	M. Power.	Total.
Amt's as per last report,	4,207 00	3640 16	7727 16
Do. week ending Dec. 7,	1,000 16	3661 44	4661 60
Whole amount since Oct. 31, 1839.	$5,207 16	$304 60	14,404 76

Fire.—On Thursday evening between 10 and 11 o'clock, the dwelling house No. 1 Fourth Fourth street, near the corner of the Willow street railroad, were destroyed by fire. Our firemen were early on the ground, and after a never countenance wrong, and whose honor, is of sufficient importance, that the Institution is conducted upon correct business principles. These street and immediately attacked, whether made upon the character of an Institution or a citizen, usually work their own cure.

Almost a Murder.—An affair came off in the neighborhood of Eighth and Shippen, a few days since, which we learn from one of the parties, in fellow by the name of Hughes who keeps on the corner, a place notorious for gaming, drunkenness and brawls, had a quarrel with an individual by the name of Kernahan, when he seized a heavy poker, and struck his victim such a violent blow over the head, that his life is despaired of. Mr. Duffee was called in, and every attention necessary to the injured man's necessities.

A Scandalous Jury.—One of the jurors in a late case in the Criminal Sessions averred that *cards and liquor were introduced into the jury room*, and that the whole night was spent quite jovially, *playing and drinking.*

Such conduct in men empanelled for the purposes of deliberating upon the guilt or innocence of an accused citizen, is reprehensible in the highest degree. Cards and liquor! oh! shame!

Railroad Accident.—On Saturday morning, a cart and omnibus came in collision at the junction of Third and Dock streets, breaking the axletree of the former.

Financial Record.

Philadelphia money market.—On Friday, the news by the Liverpool was received, and the effect was decidedly favorable. Stocks of every description advanced. U. States, for example, which on Thursday sold at 76, on Friday sold at 81 and 82. On Saturday it sold at 81, while the Girard brought 26. It may be justly feared, however, that this advance will prove fictitious or momentary. The news by the Liverpool will be found at length in another part of our paper. So far as relates to cotton, it is decidedly satisfactory in one point of view, but unsatisfactory in another. That it is to say, cotton had advanced in price, and was in active demand at the last dates; but on the other hand, the manufacturing districts were not in a sound and satisfactory condition, and the probabilities were, that if the consumption for manufacturing purposes, would rather abate than increase. The London Money Market was somewhat easier, and the position of the Bank of England was more favorable than at our previous advices. With regard to the U. S. Bank, the news is bad, but far less gloomy than many persons anticipated. Hence it is looked upon as favorable.

We predict that in the approaching spring trade will be in a more prosperous condition than it has for many years. The British merchant and manufacturer will no longer make advances to the American cotton grower or planter, and speculate upon the result. They are content to have what they have; but they will never again, at least we hope not, be the dupes of false representations. The times are sound, however, have now been done, England will hereafter be more cautious, and the United States must, for the future, rely upon their own resources.—*Reporter.*

Closing Banks.—The Georgia Constitution, of the 4th inst., says that the specie in the several banks in Georgia pay specie, and which do not, we believe the following banks and branches pay specie on demand:

Bank of Augusta,	
Bank of the Savannah,	
Bank of Brunswick,	
Bank of St. Mary's,	
Central Bank Milledgeville,	
Branch & Fire Marine Insurance Bank at Macon,	
French State Bank, at Washington,	
do do Macon,	
do do Eatonton,	
do do Milledgeville,	
Commercial Bank of Macon,	
Interior Bank of Columbus and branches.	

The whole amount of the circulation of the banks of Georgia, is $2,858,713. Whole amount of specie $1,295 596.

More Counterfeits.—We were on Monday shown a $2 counterfeit note, purporting to be of the Bank of Delaware issue, signed "Thos. Warner, Cashier, and Joseph Baily, President." The signatures, which bear a close resemblance to the genuine ones, are engraved. The paper is somewhat whiter and smaller than the notes it resembles, and, by comparison, may by this means be detected. As there are doubtless more of them in circulation from the same plate, a reference to the date, "9th day of Sept. 1839"—will as readily detect them as any thing else. The signatures are the best imitations of the genuine. The one shown us was passed at the Red Lion Hotel in North Second street upon a market man for a pair of fowls, by a short, stout man, who finding that he was likely to be detected in the *foul* transaction successfully made his escape.

Counterfeiters Arrested.—A Gang of Counterfeiters, seven in number, have been arrested in Dunham, (L. C.) and lodged in the jail at Montreal. Fourteen plates were discovered in their possession, on different banks. Those on Pennsylvania banks were 10s on the Bank of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and 50s on the United States Bank. On the New York banks, there were 5s on the Bank of Auburn, 1s on the Mechanics' Bank, 1s on the Manhattan, 5s on the Geneva, 5s on the Troy, 5s on the Auburn, 5s on the Mohawk, 5s on the Albany, 5s Yates County Bank, 5s Orleans Bank, and others on the Oswego and Union Banks. There were bills also on the Oneida and Union Banks, of the denomination of $3. The other plates were 5s of the Phoenix Bank, (Conn.) and 5s of the Maine Bank of Portland.

The South Carolina Banks.—The following statement made by the South Carolina Bank, and which accompanied the recent Message of the Governor, shows the amount of circulation and specie of the banks of that State.

	Circulation.	*Specie.*
Bank of the State,	$554,000	$291,180
S. W. R. R. Bank,	419,136	185,091
Bank of Charleston,	761,890	261,762
Planters' & Mechanics',	456,819	166,091
Bank of S. Carolina,	346,305	81,346
State Bank,	120,762	21,332
Union Bank,	134,642	30,000
Commercial Bank, (Col.)	436,760	184,667
Bank of Hamburg,	493,345	123,336
Merchants' Bank, (Cheraw,)	149,134	83,700
Bank of Camden,	272,950	76,701
Bank of Georgetown,	178,666	46,775
Total,	$4,427,699	$1,356,158

Kentucky.—The following is from the Louisville Journal of the latest date:—

Exchange and Money.—The premiums on Eastern Exchange continue to go down. On Philadelphia the rate for paper is now only one and a 3 per cent. The Northern Bank checks at 2 per cent. 60 days. On N. Y. there is but little offering—1½ may be considered as the rate, but a good deal may be done at that rate or a fair at 8 per cent. Mississippi money is improving.

U. S. Bank, 2a3 per cent. premium; Missouri, par to 1 per cent. short; Indiana, 1 per cent. par. Indiana, interior, 1 per cent. dis. Bank of Illinois, 1¼; State Bank of Illinois, 1¼; Ohio, 1; Tennessee 3a6; Alabama, 8a10; Natchez 12½.

New York Money Matters.—The first effect of the news by the Liverpool was highly favorable in New York as in this city. U. S. Bank stock advanced eight per cent. and other stocks in proportion. The next day, however, U. S. Bank fell 2½ per cent.—the first advance, having on cool reflection, been deemed too extravagant. On the whole, nevertheless, the effect of the intelligence was decidedly cheering. The Express in its weekly view of the Money Market, is discussing more and more strengthened. Southern Exchanges are getting a little more equalized, and there is less difference to negotiate. Added to this, business paper is sensibly diminishing."

Virginia.—The Exchange Bank of Virginia, at Norfolk, has issued the following notice :—

That on and after the 4th day of December, the Exchange Bank of Virginia will pay on demand its circulation, and all deposites made in specie, or its equivalent, in the current coin of the United States; and will moreover, resume its regular discounting business, to such persons who have made deposites in notes or checks on the specie paying banks, will be repaid in the same currency, as per agreement.

Boston.—A Boston paper says:—Our banks have manifested a great deal of liberality by discounting 3 to 6 month's paper, and paying in Philadelphia or Baltimore, or other Southern funds, which have generally been at a premium, varying from 10 to 14 per cent. By this course they have saved themselves from loss by throwing the burden upon their needy customers. This is right and right to the extent of their own receivables.

Bank Failures in Maine.—In addition to the Washington County Bank, of Calais, the Frankfort Bank, at Frankfort, and the Kennebec Bank, at Waldoborough, have *failed*. The same thing is reported, and probably correctly, of the Agricultural Bank at Brewer. Most of these institutions will, it is expected, be wound up by Commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Court.

Specie Going.—The Liverpool packet has $80,000 in Mexican dollars on board. The London packet, which also sailed has $106,500 in specie. The Havre packet sails to-morrow, and the ef fect was decidedly favorable. Stocks of every already on board $50,000 in specie. The latter vessel, it is said, has some difficulty in completing her crew, as seamen are scarce now, they have been for ten years past.

Election.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Bank of Potomac, Washington, D. C. Page, has been unanimously elected Cashier, vice C. Page, deceased.

Worster Shepherd, Esq. has been appointed Cashier of the Bank of Watertown, N. Y. in place of W. H. Angel, Esq. resigned.

Gold and Silver in New York.—Spanish Doubloons are at $16.

Patriot Gold, $15.60.

American Gold, par.

Spanish Dollars, 4 per cent. premium.

Mexican do. 1 a 2 per cent. premium.

American Halves, par to ¼ per cent. prem.

State Bank or Illinois.—The St. Louis Republican publishes the following statement of the condition of the bank.

Total resources of the Bank	$6,920,000
Notes in circulation	2,602,000
Balance due the bank, over and above her liabilities	$3,395,000

Lynn Delay.—An individual named John Rose was committed to prison, at Cincinnati, on the 2d instant, for passing a $50 counterfeit note on the Bank of Pittsburg. Various other counterfeits were found upon him. $50 on the Bank of Zanesville, Ohio, and 5s on the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia; in all $175.

Specie.—The Journal of Commerce, of Saturday, says $200,000 in specie have been received from Indiana, in charge of Mr. Grove, a member of that state. This completes the payment for the next semi-annual dividend on the stock of that state, payable in London.

Forgery.—A forged certificate of deposite for $865, on the Planters' Bank of Georgia, had been passed off upon and cashed by one of the western banks of New York.

A New Counterfeit.—Counterfeit two dollar bills on the Bank of Monroe, are in circulation. Engraving good, but filling up bad.

Corporation Bonds.—The New York Comptroller reports the amount of corporation bonds issued to be $1,300,000.

Political Occurrences.

Who Candidate for President.—On Friday last, the convention at Harrisburg, in this state, made choice of Gen. Wm. H. Harrison, of Ohio, for President. The following were the votes.

Gen. Winfield Scott, of N. J. had	76 votes.
Henry Clay, of Kentucky,	20
Gen. Wm. H Harrison, of Ohio,	148
Whole number of votes polled,	234
Number of votes necessary to a choice,	118.

John Tyler, of Virginia, was on Saturday, nominated as the Candidate for the Vice Presidency.

Another Candidate.—A correspondent of the Pennsylvanian recommends Gen. J. K. Mooreheed as a suitable person to succeed M'Kean in the U. S. Senate.

Mississippi.—We have the final result of the late elections in the Columbus Democrat. For Governor, McNutt 18,716, Turner 13,591. For Congress, Brown 18,491, Thompson 18,010, Boggan, man 13,906, Davis 14,078. For Secretary of State, Woodward 18,405, Jennings 13,103. For Auditor, Saunders 13,974, Cruse 13,997. For Treasurer, Williams 17,790, Fitz 14,829. Legislature, Democratic majority in the House, not ascertained, but believed to be about 11 votes.

Election in Boston.—The annual city election took place in Boston on Monday last. Jonathan Chapman, the whig candidate, was elected Mayor, by 1764 majority. The entire whig ticket for Aldermen is believed to be elected.

Ohio Legislature.—The Ohio legislature has organised by the appointment of Democratic officers throughout. Gov. Shannon's message occupies about ten newspaper columns.

Another Candidate for Senator.—A correspondent of the "Pittsburgh," recommends Hon William Hopkins, late Speaker of the Assembly, as a candidate for United States Senator.

Twenty-Sixth Congress—First Session.

All is confusion still at Washington, and so little of importance is transacted, that we can furnish to our readers nothing new. The New Jersey question still agitates the House. Mr. John Quincy Adams, is Chairman pro tem. and has decided that the New Jersey members are entitled to vote, the right to vote on the question of Speaker. The time has been occupied in reading the documents relating to the contest. On Monday, the interminable discussion was re-commenced, and continued until a call was made for the main question, which was, should the Clerk read all the papers in relation to the case before taking it. The main question was put, and decided in the affirmative, 106 having voted for it, and 103 against it. The Clerk then proceeded to read the documentary evidence, subjected to occasional interruptions from "the Honorable." Not a word further was said in relation to the matter until it was brought over by names of all the New Jersey members, if objected to, until a quorum had been formed, the House adjourned.

The Senate met on Monday morning, when the chair informed the members that that was the day set apart for the election of Secretary of the Senate, and Sergeant-at-Arms, the first balloting took place. Mr. Allen proposed that a committee should be appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that the Senate was ready to receive any communication from him of an executive character. The proposition was agreed to, and Messrs. Allen and Wright named as the committee. The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Tappan, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate what would be the effect upon the military service of a regulation by which all officers of the Army, on arriving at forty years of age, should be retired on leave from service on half pay; and what would be the probable annual charge upon the Treasury by such a regulation."

The Senate then proceeded to elect its officers, when Mr. Dickens was announced as the unanimous choice of the Democratic party as elected Secretary, Mr. Haight, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Mr. Reed, Assistant Doorkeeper. The Senate then adjourned.

The House appears as far from organization as on the day it first met.

Dec. 10, 1839.

The Convention was called to order at the usual hour by Mr. Adams, who announced Mr. Duncan, of Ohio, to be entitled to the floor.

Mr. Duncan then addressed the House.

Mr. Wise rose, and said that as Mr. Duncan was not in his seat, he demanded the Previous Question, and the Main Question, and the House adjourned to the Senate chamber, where the Senate were in session, and then adjourned.

Monday.—Mr. Duncan proceeded to elect its officers, when Mr. Wise replied that he did not wish to cut Mr. Duncan off in his speech, and he would withdraw the demand for the Previous Question.

Mr. Jenifer said that he insisted on the call for the Previous Question, but withdrew after a good deal of discussion, of too confused a nature to be understood.

Mr. Wise renewed his demand for the Previous Question, and it being seconded, by a vote of 110, yeas 108, the Main Question was ordered, by a vote of yeas 110, nays 46. So the main question was put. The Main Question was, "Shall the decision of the Chair, of last Saturday, that the Whig delegation from New Jersey should be allowed to vote in the Preliminary organization of the House, stand as the judgment of the House?" Mr. Adams moved to amend the decision, yeas 108, nays 114. So you will see, that it has at last been decided that the Whigs, of Pennington certificate, shall not vote.

Mr. Wise rose, and said, that as it had not been decided that the certificate of Whig Jersey men, should not vote, he wished to know who would. Mr. Adams replied, that the Democrats, or those men, who held the certificate of the Secretary of the State, should be allowed to vote.

Mr. Hiett, moved that that motion lie on the table.

Mr. Wise enquired if his motion was not in order.

Mr. Adams replied it was, and added, that it ought to be decided, because every State of the Union should be heard in this House. New Jersey ought to be heard, and continued Mr. Adams, she shall not be disfranchised while I hold a seat in the Chair.—[Hanging from the gallery, and loud laughter from the floor.]

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At 3½ o'clock, Mr. Rhett moved that Mr. Wise's resolutions, originally offered, be committed to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and that the Clerk be allowed to call the roll.

The vote was taken by the tellers, and decided by the casting vote of Mr. Adams, 108 to 108. The Chair voted in the negative, and declared the vote to be ayes 115, noes 115.

Mr. Smith, of Maine—I challenge the vote of Mr. Naylor.

Mr. Naylor—I challenge the vote of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith—Another gentleman has risen.

Mr. Naylor—I have none, (holding them out) here they are, endorsed by the people.

Mr. Smith—Another gentleman has evidently risen to be good as yours, and I hand you one of mine.

A voice—It's a lie! it's a lie!

Great confusion took place, and after it was restored, a motion was made to adjourn, which was carried in the affirmative. Three Whigs, and three Democrats from New Jersey, voted on this question; so that the fact did not change the result, no vote was taken of it, and the House adjourned.

Senate.—Several messages in writing were sent to the Senate by the President of the United States, through his Secretary. Mr. Linn gave notice that he would bring in a bill authorizing the President to take possession of the Territory of Oregon, and for other purposes. The Chair then announced that the messages received from the President were of an executive character, when the Senate went into the consideration of executive business, and then adjourned.

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To Correspondents.

Letter to Peter the Great Refuseth, is fair. He is certainly a man of genius, and has written a book that will scarcely have named the points as he did, however, it is not without merit. The "Letter to Peter the Great" (1841) it seems the peculiarity of measure and rhymish is not without merit. The "Letter to Peter the Great" (1841) it seems the peculiarity of measure and rhymish is not without merit. The "Letter to Peter the Great" (1841) it seems the peculiarity of measure and rhymish is not without merit.

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THE OLIO.

Variety is the spice of life.
That gives it all its flavour.

Mary's Birthday.

From Wonderful's Poetical Works.
By Mary Howitt.

A simple child, dear brother Jim,
That laughs down sorrow and sin;
And looks its life in every limb,
What should it know of death?

I met a little cottage girl:
She was eight years old, she said;
Her hair was black with many a curl
That clustered round her head.

She had a rustic, woodland air,
And she was wildly clad;
Her eyes were dark, and very fair;
—Her beauty made me glad.

"Sisters and brothers, little Maid,
How many may you be?"
"How many? Seven in all," she said,
And wondering looked at me.

"And where are they? I pray you tell."
She answered, "Seven are we;
And two are now in yonder dell,
And two are gone to sea.

Two of us in the church-yard lie,
My sister and my brother,
And in the church-yard cottage, I
Dwell near them with my mother."

"You say that seven are missing dwell,
And two are gone to sea,
Yet you are seven!—I pray you tell,
Sweet Maid, how may be?"

Then did the little Maid reply,
"Seven boys and girls are we;
Two of us in the church-yard lie,
Beneath the church-yard tree."

"You can almost, my little Maid,
Your Reckoning give alive,
If two are in the church-yard laid,
Then ye are only five."

"Their graves are green, they may be seen,"
The little Maid replied,
"Twelve steps or more from mother's door,
And they are side by side.

"My stockings there I often knit,
My mother does the same;
And there upon the ground I sit—
I sit and sing to them.

"And when the sun set sets, Sir,
Whose is in light and fair,
I take my little porringer,
And eat my supper there.

"The first that died was little Jane;
In bed she moaning lay,
Till God released her out of pain,
And then she went away.

"So in the church-yard she was laid;
And all the summer dry,
Together round her grave we played,
My brother John and I.

"And when the ground was white with snow,
And I could run and slide,
My brother John was forced to go,
And he lost by her side.

"How many are you then," said I,
"If they two are in Heaven?"
The little Maid quickly reply'd,
"O Master! we are seven."

"But they are dead; those two are dead!
Their spirits are in Heaven!"
"Twas throwing words away: for still
The little Maid would have her will,
And said, "Nay, we are seven!"

How to Follow Advice.—The simplicity, not to say ignorance of some people, is astonishing; as well as, in occasional instances, ludicrous in the extreme. To their unenlightened and credulous apprehension, the Ottoman empire is a congregation of turkeys, and everything else just what the literal significations would imply. In Bristol, Pa. a few days ago, an honest, simple-minded Hibernian, worried with the continued indisposition of his wife, at length concluded to venture upon medical advice. With a hearty heart he visited the physician, and described in as accurate language as his scanty vocabulary would permit, the disorder of his "better half." After a patient investigation of his case, the doctor advised the instant application of *a plaster to his wife's chest.* Elated with the hope of her recovery, our hero vaulted his "old mare," procured the plaster, diligently applied it and went to his work, much better satisfied with his labrorious lot. On the following day he was met by the physician. "How is your wife, Jemmy? Have you paid the man of medicine?—" Much better, yer honor, the morn," was the reply, "Did you properly put on the plaster?" "Sure, and I did, yer honor. Never a bit did I rest, till myself had hunted the cold fellow of a house from top to bottom for a chest." "For a what?" "For a chest! I set forth, as I considered find one, belonging to my wife, what d'ye think I did?" "What?" said the doctor, amazed at his simplicity. "Right forninst the gurrat door, I found a little trunk of her sister's, and I clapped the *plaster on that, yer honor!* Was'nt it a darling thought?"

Lines to Miss Gertrude Ashton.

"Requies-cat in pace."

Here lies by death snatches,
A helpless young kitten;
To another away in the dust;
Oh! had it lived longer,
It might have been stronger,
And not so weak and sickly.

A Cat-case o' Tatlas.

Funerals.—*Colonna* walking with a friend one day, saw a pipe of wine which had fallen from a second story, and which was very much the worse for —"Ah me," says his friend, "there's a great loss." "Loss," says Colonna, "Oh no the human can moved it—it is only a *stove-pipe.*"

Ambition of the late Mr. Sheridan.—His father one day dining on the pedigree of his family, was regretting that they were no longer styled O'Sheridan, as they had been formerly; indeed, father, replied the late celebrated character, time a boy, we have come right to the O'Shan any one else—for we own every body.

Borrowing a Knocker.—Why, you'd better knock the door down—what do you want? Ooh, my darling, don't let me wake any of your family. I'm just coming over here to wake the people next door; I'm locked out d'ye see, and they've niver a knocker. Rap! rap! rap!

Mosquitoes.—Some men are like musical glasses; to produce their finest tones you must keep them wet.—*Coleridge.*

A Mechanical Fib.—At one of the police-offices, a few days since, a police constable presented a particular neighborhood as reserving with thieves; on which the magistrate remarked, "If so, why don't you fetter them?"

Insolence Extraordinary.—A gentleman observing an Irish servant girl, who had left *handed*, placing the knives and forks in a similar position on the dinner table, remarked to her that she was laying them left *handed*. "Och, indade Sir" she, "so I have; be pleased, sir, to help me turn the table round."

Beautiful.—A deaf and dumb person being asked what was his idea of forgiveness, took the pencil and wrote—*He the silver echoes flowers yield when trampled upon.*

Ambience.—An honest Hibernian, upon reading his newspaper, replied that he was sorry he had no experience in paying him for his medicine, but his cents he would return.

The True Test.—A cobler at Leyden, who used to attend the public disputation held at the academy, was once asked if he understood Latin? "No," replied the mechanic, "but I know who is wrong in the argument." "How?" asked his friend, "Why by seeing who is angry first."

Marvels.—When Kemble retired from the stage, he established his customs of Coriolanus among his brethern. To Matthews he gave his sandals, upon which the comedian exclaimed, "I'm glad I've got his sandals, though I'm sure I could never tread in his shoes."

Sheridan's Epitaph.

Who would not recognize in the following pungent, the genius of the distinguished author of Belle Heath. Our readers will perceive how far superior these passages are to the lipsits of Dr. Dion, the High Priest, published in this paper a few weeks since. The first American edifice has just made its appearance, and the poem is placed upon with so much avidity by publishers here, that we learn not, that the edifice of the work and its merits, will be far more extensively known in this country in the space of a few months, than it is in England. The rapidity of issue of such valuable American publishers of course almost simultaneously with the English houses, the first works of that country. The following is a classic from the poem:—

That night, when all our saints were o'er,
The minstrels silent, and the feet
Of the young maidens lasted no more;
So still; was the time, so sweet,
And such a calm came o'er that room,
With life and mirth just late fled home,
Lone as the quiet of some bell,
Whose last sad echo's sunk away—
That night, that night, I thought to die.
To make earth's sweetest stave regret
Leaving a world so soft and bright.
So was she, in the room's gloom,
Lonely and radiant, was the eye
Of love kissed, while, on the other,
Mine own that comes not can see me,
The young moon—like the Roman mother
Among her young jewels—shone
Far from her yonder orbs.* I thought,
* Pure and eternal as they are.
There could be much more power in height,
Some charm, with their own essence bright,
To make me glorious as a star.
And upon to his God rather
* A curse, to homeliness and sadness
Are lots harder than others to bear.
* That room and here throughout all time?*

While thoughts like these absorb'd my mind,
That venerable window shone,
Thereover sweet, still leaves behind,
As if to show her earthly kin
Came sailing o'er me, and I bid
My hands at their fair station's base
Thus among wheels Art's self is wild
Of all the choice of Nature's grace—
To whom on eft I've knelt and woven,
That, used a loving mind like her
Unto this wondering mortal life here
I would, spread out, a canopy
Steep came thro o'er me—and I ceased
To be transported far away
To a blank desert place, where ghosts'd
One single, melancholy spot,
Throughout that darkness dimly shed
From a small taper in the head
Of one, who, pale as are the dead,
Before me took his spectral stand,
And said, while, awfully a smile
Came o'er the wanness of his cheek—
Go, and, beside the banner grow
You'll find it! Eternal Life you seek."

Soon as he spoke these words, the hue
Of death upon his features grew,
Like pale morning, when o'er night
The grave the victory of its light
While the cold heart took he held because
A glory in his hand, whose flame
Brighter'd the whole of that dim scene,
E'en to the far horizon's line—
Along whose level I took out
Universe and ground—I was amazed to shine,
As if then freshly o'er them played
The vernal rainbow's first smile.
While mouse was heard every where,
Nothing, to 't whom itself for fear,
And spirits, on whose wings the hue
Of heav'n still linger'd round me flew,
Left from all sides Carnage, how strange,
That with the cause of light, I woke!
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They seem'd all fair—but there was one
On whom the light of life did shine
Or shown but partly—on downcast
She held her brow, as show the pearl
And yet its soul was in the world
A charm about that unseen face—
A something, in the shade that fell
Over that brow's imagin'd grace,
Which took me more than all the best
Unbeholding beauties of the rest
And her alone my eyes could see,
Enchain'd by that sweet mystery!
And her alone I watch'd, as round
She glided on that spiritual ground,
Blessing my own love's adoration so
That if a spirit had moved there,
Still embassy, wide open flew
The Temple's folding gates, and the rest
Of wonder from the world without
Of glory where these maidens stood,
While, with that light,—as if the same
Rich source gave birth to both,—flowers came
A week of harmony, as grand
As e'er was born of nature and land,
Filling the gorgeous aisles around
With that only'd burst of light and sound.
Then was it, by the time that lasted
Full o'er her features—to trace out,
As startingly her eyes she raised,
But such a full thief they met again.
I saw—not Psyche's self, when first
Upon the threshold of the sun
She paused, while heaven's glory burst
Nearly upon her downcast eyes,
Could look more beautiful—than stood
With halter sinner than did this maid.
When now I saw in all that good
Of splendor from the source displ'd.
Never—for well then know'st how much
I've fix in a way of friendly star—
Never did her bright influence touch
My soul into its depths so far;
And had that vision lingerd there
One minute more, I should have flown,
Forgetful of her and of them,
And, at her feet in wonder thrown,
Prodlerd my soul through life her own.

But, scarcely had that burst of light
And music broke on our sad night,
When up the aisles the lord took wing
As if its beautiful, toward that throne
Whits after her, with graceful spring,
Like some votarilty creature, meant
To live in that air's element.
Of light and song, the young maids went;
And she, who was the heart and heart
Of this fair throng, the Seraphim
Of all the rest, the young maids want,

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THE BUCCANEER.

A TALE OF THE "THIRTY YEARS' WAR."

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EPITOME OF THE TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA.
Saturday, January 5, 1839.

AGENCIES.

W. Somers has been appointed our agent at Cincinnati, Ohio. All previous agencies are revoked.

Mr. Jessup is also our travelling agent, for the State of Ohio and Indiana. His receipts are valid and binding.

Mr. Henry Rooney is agent for Hunstanton, Norfolk, and vicinity.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The Message [illegible] of Governor Ritner. It is [illegible] brought [illegible] full details [illegible] of the State, in the most concise manner of matters and things in general as particulars.

We have been glad if we had omitted [illegible] the late disturbances [illegible] of Harrisburg. It would have been [illegible] to have alluded to the difficulties [illegible]. The Message, however, is a [illegible] and will be read with great interest [illegible] of Pennsylvania, if not generally [illegible] United States.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to the Senate at an early day a statement of the amount of all the contingencies, [illegible], and arrearages of the Treasury Department, [illegible] for the year 1838; in the same manner as the like statement for the year 1837 was communicated to the Senate by the Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to a resolution of the Senate of December 28, 1836. Also, a copy of that Circular.

On motion of Mr. Tipton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reorganizing the territorial limits of the Indian Department, and of arranging the Indian tribes, so as to conform to the boundaries of the States and Territories in which they reside, and to which they are required to emigrate, and whether any, and what, modifications of the treaty with the Pottawatomies of Indiana are necessary to carry this object into effect, and that they report a plan for effecting such reorganization.

[illegible] Combs, a redeemed barrister [illegible] to-day delivering a course of [illegible] upon that subject, at the Philadelphia [illegible] corner of George and Sixth streets. [illegible] commence at half-past seven o'clock [illegible] course, this will [illegible] a part of [illegible] morning lecture suggested [illegible]

[illegible] LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

[illegible] next meeting of the above Association [illegible] held on the 15th of January, inst. at [illegible] Masonic Temple, on Tenth street [illegible] Chestnut. Mr. Smith, Secretary, will [illegible] Mr. Henry—The Druid Sacred [illegible] Mr. Hall—Mr. Thomas—The Journal [illegible] Mr. Hall—Mr. Thomas—The Journal [illegible] Mr. Hall—Mr. Thomas—The Journal